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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**#1-H OF MAY 22, 2012**

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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Dear Commissioners:

**ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR  
PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2012-2013 ACTION PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION  
OF FEDERAL FUNDS  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)**

**SUBJECT**

This letter recommends acceptance of \$1,400,000 in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Community Development Commission (Commission). These funds are used for various CDBG-eligible programs administered by the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (Housing Authority) and included in the County of Los Angeles' (County) Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Action Plan. This letter also recommends approval for the Housing Authority to continue administration of \$1,140,814 in prior year CDBG funds. This letter relates to two other items appearing on today's agenda for the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners of the Commission.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the acceptance of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 CDBG funds from the Commission is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it is not defined as a project under CEQA.
2. Authorize the Housing Authority to accept from the Commission \$1,400,000 in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 CDBG funds, and to continue administration of \$1,140,814 in prior year CDBG funds, which will be requested for incorporation into the Housing Authority's Fiscal

Year 2012-2013 budget through the Housing Authority's annual budget approval process, subject to final notification of approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (Cranston/Gonzalez Housing Act), as amended in 1992, requires that the County provide a single, consolidated submission of the proposed expenditure of funds to be eligible for HUD formula grant funding, including CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grant. The Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (Action Plan) satisfies these federal requirements to provide for the release of funds.

The Action Plan is being presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval as a separate item on today's agenda. This item also designates the Commission to serve as the agent of the County in administering the Action Plan and the allocated funds.

The Action Plan identifies a total of \$1,400,000 in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 CDBG funds for projects that will be administered by the Housing Authority. The purpose of this letter is to accept these funds into the Housing Authority's budget, and to continue administration of \$1,140,814 in prior year CDBG funds. Attachment A provides a breakdown of the funds allocated to the Housing Authority by project, as well as a description of each project to be funded.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Action Plan allocates an estimated \$1,400,000 in new Thirty-Eighth Program Year (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013) CDBG funds and \$1,140,814 in prior year CDBG funds that will be incorporated through the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Housing Authority budget approval process.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On May 27, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2008-2013 and the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Action Plan. These documents have been updated as required by HUD. The current Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Action Plan ends on June 30, 2012, and a new plan must be adopted by the Board of Supervisors in order to receive continued funding from HUD. The Action Plan includes a description of the activities to be undertaken during Fiscal Year 2012-2013 to address the objectives of the Consolidated Plan's five-year strategy. A list of the Housing Authority projects included in the Action Plan is provided in Attachment A.

All of the projects proposed in the Action Plan are being federally funded. As applicable, the administering agencies will be subject to the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and related Acts and Section 3 of the Housing and

Community Development Act of 1968, as amended, which requires that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD assistance be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly to persons who are recipients of HUD housing assistance. However, where Section 3 is not applicable, the agencies will be subject to the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program, which furthers the same or similar goals.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel. At its meeting of April 18, 2012, the Housing Commission recommended approval of the proposed actions.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The acceptance of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 CDBG funds from the Commission is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(3), because it is an administrative action and does not involve activities that will alter existing environmental conditions. The action is not subject to the provisions of CEQA, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378, because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Each program within the Action Plan will be reviewed for environmental impact on a project-by-project basis before funding is released.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS**

The projects contained in the Action Plan will benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the unincorporated County and participating cities.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for SEAN ROGAN  
Executive Director

Enclosures

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

	<b>PROJECTS (New Funding)</b>	
<b>Project Title (District)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Nueva Maravilla Childcare Center Rehabilitation (First)	Provides for the rehabilitation of the Nueva Maravilla Childcare Center play area and two modular units located at the site. Rehabilitation of the childcare center will include new flooring in the play area, playground equipment and ADA improvements to the surrounding narrow concrete sidewalks/pathways that create barriers for handicap persons that need wheelchair access. Rehabilitation work in the modular units will include new flooring, lighting, painting, construction of new steps at the north end of the building and upgrading the bathrooms to be ADA compliant.	\$400,000
Big Normandie Drainage (Second)	Provides for the design and installation of a new drainage system on the west side of the Big Normandie housing development. Flooding from rain storms has caused structural damage, and flooding in units. The new drainage system will divert water to the street and away from the housing units and walkways.	\$200,000
South County Exterior Painting (Second)	Provides for painting, patching stucco, repair and/or replacement of fascia boards and other repairs as needed at various sites in South Los Angeles County.	\$500,000
Orchard Arms Roof Replacement (Fifth)	Provides for the replacement of deteriorated roofing at the Orchard Arms senior housing development. The roof will be removed and replaced with new flashing, down spouts and gutters.	\$300,000
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**  
**(CONTINUED)**

	<b>CONTINUING PROJECTS (Prior Year Funding)</b>	
<b>Project Title (District)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Ujima Village Vacant Property Security System (Second)	Provides for the leasing of a modular steel vacant unit security system for the Ujima Village housing development.	\$26,861
Ujima Village (Demolition) Relocation (Second)	Provides CDBG funds to the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) to pay for relocation costs associated with Ujima Village housing development in the Second Supervisorial District. Any unspent funds will be used for demolition and clearance activities at Ujima Village.	\$1,113,953
		<b>\$1,140,814</b>